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2. On 12 May 1955, the quarantine in which a portion of the Karpin installation was placed in mid-April 1955 was cancelled. 1
3. Recruits arriving at the 2d Mech Regt prior to mid-May 1955 numbered about 240 men and included recruits who came from East Berlin. On 21 May 1955, the regiment totalled about 800 men. 1
4. It was presumed that all recruits who arrived at the mechanized regiments prior to mid-May 1955 were first assigned to the infantry units of the regiments. On 21 May 1955, they were reassigned from the infantry units to the special units at least at one of the regiments. Due to this measure, the artillery unit and the tank unit of the regiment, for instance, numbered about 150 men each, while the AT and mortar units numbered about 30 men each, and each heavy machine gun unit numbered about 40 to 45 men. At the same time recruits who were graduates of secondary schools or high schools were detached to the regimental school. 1
5. In late May 1955, the construction of a target range about 500 meters long, which was to be used by the tank units located in the installation, was started. The range was equipped with the turret of a T-34 tank which had two separate radio operators' seats. The construction of a repair shop for each tank unit was also begun. Some of these structures were scheduled to be completed as early as 30 May 1955. 2

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7. In early June 1955, 32 officer candidates who were due to undergo the officers' examination arrived at Karpin from the political school in Berlin-Treptow. They had to serve their 6-week term as officer candidates in Karpin. 3
8. The artillery battalion of one of the mechanized regiments was scheduled to leave in mid-June 1955 for Jaegerbrueck where record firing practices were to be held for a period of about four weeks. After the assignment of recruits as fillers, the tank battalion was scheduled to be subsequently rotated to the same training grounds. It was also intended to rotate AT companies and mortar companies from the Karpin area to Jaegerbrueck in late June 1955, reconnaissance units to the summer camp in the Altwarp area in early July 1955, and AAA units to Zingst also in early July 1955. 4
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10. Divisions of Korps Nord were put in charge of the aircraft reporting and air-raid warning service. The only mission which was presently assigned to the AAA units was the support of the troops. The reports on the air situation were to be given by the corps headquarters to the divisions which were bound to forward the same to their subordinate units in the form of air-situation reports or warning orders by telephone or radio according to the particular situation. No large finder devices or radar sets were available at the headquarters of Mechanized Division Eggesin. The Aero Club was in charge of the special training courses for radar operators which were allegedly held at Kamenz/Sa. 6
11. On 11 June 1955, the AAA unit under Major Rau (fnu) in Altwarp totalled 255 officers, NCOs and EM and included about 150 recruits and 35 older soldiers. An undetermined number of recruits was discharged because of their poor state of health. Training of the recruits was taken up and included drill, combat training and training with rifles and 37-mm AA guns. Outdoor service was almost daily held until 1400 and, after a break of 90 minutes which included instruction lessons, continued until nightfall. 7
12. Heavy weapons observed again included 26 x 37-mm AA guns two of which were used only as training guns, and 12 heavy machine guns. The workshop which was located in the area of the installation was scheduled to be finally turned over to the AAA unit on 14 June 1955. 7

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15. On 11 June 1955, the mental hospital in Ueckermuende was still unoccupied. The guard which included 1 NCO and 10 EM was provided by the AAA unit commanded by Major Rau.

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